



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. NAKAYA

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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February 26, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the third month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding final Office Action dated August 26, 2003, and as a result of the filing of a Notice of Appeal on February 26, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$950.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 520.37902X00).

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Respectfully submitted,

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